

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
NAVEL AND VALENCIA ORANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2004  
Bakersfield, CA**

**Members Attending**

Ken Chipchase  
Damon Corey  
Brett Kirkpatrick  
Robert LoBue  
Ron Matik  
David Roberts  
Kevin Severns

**CDFA Representatives**

Stacey Hughes  
Gary Manning  
Steve Patton  
Vic Tolomeo

**Interested Parties**

Dennis Wert, Sunkist Growers  
Marilyn Kinoshita, Tulare County  
Ag. Comm.  
Jack Hall, C.V. Strategies  
John Notley, Ag. Services Consultant  
Scotti Walker, Fresno County Ag.  
Angela Godwin, Riverside County  
Jack Marks, Kern County Ag.  
Sam Vorhees, Kern County Ag.

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order and self-introductions were made. A quorum was established.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2004 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Kevin Severns moved to accept the September 29, 2004 meeting minutes as submitted. Ron Matik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS UPDATE**

Vic Tolomeo reported that they will be discontinuing separate district forecasts and only prepare one statewide forecast. This will allow a sample size of about 500-550 instead of the 800+ normally collected. This would provide a savings of approximately \$20,000.

The 2004 California Citrus Acreage Report has been released and can be found on their website at [www.nass.usda.gov/ca](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ca). The report contains detailed information on acres, parcels, bearing, non-bearing, when planted, tree densities, etc.

**ITEM 4: REVENUE REPORT/FUND BALANCE**

Stacey gave the committee copies of the Navel and Valencia Program's Summary of Crop Year Revenue. She explained that this report reflects the monthly revenue of both the Navel and Valencia Program and the Orange Crop Program. She also noted the months are reported when CDFA receives the assessments not necessarily when the cartons are shipped. Revenues and balances as of November 30, 2004 are:

Valencia Revenue	\$	8,218.28	
Navel Revenue		7,967.00	
Navel/Valencia Fund Balance		9,894.64	(Includes interest payment of \$311.61)
Bank of America Fund Balance		1,190,384.43	(Interest year-to-date is \$9,637.40)

Stacey announced that the overpayment to the Standardization Program that should have been given to the Navel & Valencia Program has now been paid back. In October Standardization transferred approximately \$108,000 to Navel & Valencia.

#### **ITEM 5: SUMMARY OF COUNTY INSPECTION RESULTS**

Fresno, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Ventura counties monthly activity reports were presented. The counties in attendance presented their individual information. The information reported included the number of:

- Premises inspected
- Lots and containers that were inspected and rejected
- Non-compliances issued
- Maturity tests completed
- Disposal orders issued
- Inspection hours
- County costs, budgeted and actual

A handout was given to the committee members containing this information.

#### **ITEM 6: CONTINUATION OF MATURITY TESTING**

**MOTION:** Kevin Severns moved to continue maturity testing, at the discretion of the counties, with the central valley continuing through December and southern California tapering off until the middle of January. Robert LoBue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be March 9, 2005 in Tulare, CA at 1:00 P.M. The committee will meet to approve final county expenses and review their 2005/06 budgets.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no other business to discuss, the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacey Hughes, Supervisor  
Inspection and Compliance Branch  
Inspection Services

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